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Dear Parties,

If the break up of Microsoft would do for the computer industry what the break up of the Bell System has done for the telephony industry I say leave it intact. I understand that the reason that the Department of Justice becoming so deeply involved is to protect the American consumer and all the businesses that are involved with computer software and hardware but why do you not believe that we are capable of making our own choices. AT&T was once an industry giant and had a vast well of designers, engineers, infrastructure, research and development as well as technicians, representatives and operators. Now they are so minor of a player in their original core industry that they have become pitiful. And as more of their offshoots combine back into larger players than they were to be allowed and the "regional" competitors are falling by the wayside through mergers and bankruptcy procedures how can you not see that the same thing may befall the improved version of Microsoft that you think we need to have. All consumers and investors would once again see tremendous potential again elude them and be left buying part A from one division and compatible part B from another division. Let the public decide and leave Microsoft intact.
Thank you for your time.

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